

compensation to the candidate.<sup>1</sup> The deadline for comments on the NPRM was February 10, 2023. In the NPRM, the Commission stated that it may hold a public hearing and, if so, it would publish notification in the **Federal Register** announcing the date and time.

Accordingly, the Commission is announcing that it will hold a hybrid public hearing on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 (see **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** above). Witnesses will include those who indicated in their timely written comments on the NPRM that they wished to testify at the hearing. The Commission may also invite witnesses to testify. The Commission will make transcripts of the hearing available on its website after the hearing. Individuals who plan to attend in person and require special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Laura E. Sinram, Secretary and Clerk, at (202) 694-1040, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting date.

On behalf of the Commission,

**Dara S. Lindenbaum,**

*Chair, Federal Election Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2023-0422; Project Identifier MCAI-2022-01067-T]

**RIN 2120-AA64**

#### **Airworthiness Directives; MHI RJ Aviation ULC (Type Certificate Previously Held by Bombardier, Inc.) Airplanes**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** The FAA proposes to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for all MHI RJ Aviation ULC Model CL-600-2C10 (Regional Jet Series 700, 701 & 702), CL-600-2C11 (Regional Jet Series 550), CL-600-2D15 (Regional Jet Series 705), CL-600-2D24 (Regional Jet Series 900), and CL-600-2E25 (Regional Jet Series 1000) airplanes. This proposed AD was prompted by a determination that new restrictive airworthiness limitations are necessary. This proposed AD would require revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as

applicable, to incorporate new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations. The FAA is proposing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

**DATES:** The FAA must receive comments on this proposed AD by April 17, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments, using the procedures found in 14 CFR 11.43 and 11.45, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to *regulations.gov*. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.

- *Mail:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

- *Hand Delivery:* Deliver to Mail address above between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**AD Docket:** You may examine the AD docket at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA-2023-0422; or in person at Docket Operations between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this NPRM, the mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI), any comments received, and other information. The street address for Docket Operations is listed above.

**Material Incorporated by Reference:**

- For service information identified in this NPRM, contact MHI RJ Aviation Group, Customer Response Center, 3655 Ave. des Grandes-Tourelles, Suite 110, Boisbriand, Québec J7H 0E2 Canada; North America toll-free telephone 833-990-7272 or direct-dial telephone 450-990-7272; fax 514-855-8501; email *thd.crj@mhirj.com*; website *mhirj.com*.

- You may view this service information at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206-231-3195.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jiwan Karunatilake, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe and Propulsion Section, FAA, New York ACO Branch, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; telephone 516-228-7300; email *9-avs-nyaco-cos@faa.gov*.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Comments Invited**

The FAA invites you to send any written relevant data, views, or arguments about this proposal. Send your comments to an address listed under **ADDRESSES**. Include “Docket No.

FAA-2023-0422; Project Identifier MCAI-2022-01067-T” at the beginning of your comments. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the proposal, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting data. The FAA will consider all comments received by the closing date and may amend the proposal because of those comments.

Except for Confidential Business Information (CBI) as described in the following paragraph, and other information as described in 14 CFR 11.35, the FAA will post all comments received, without change, to *regulations.gov*, including any personal information you provide. The agency will also post a report summarizing each substantive verbal contact received about this NPRM.

#### **Confidential Business Information**

CBI is commercial or financial information that is both customarily and actually treated as private by its owner. Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 552), CBI is exempt from public disclosure. If your comments responsive to this NPRM contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private, that you actually treat as private, and that is relevant or responsive to this NPRM, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Please mark each page of your submission containing CBI as “PROPIN.” The FAA will treat such marked submissions as confidential under the FOIA, and they will not be placed in the public docket of this NPRM. Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Jiwan Karunatilake, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe and Propulsion Section, FAA, New York ACO Branch, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; telephone 516-228-7300; email *9-avs-nyaco-cos@faa.gov*. Any commentary that the FAA receives which is not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket for this rulemaking.

#### **Background**

Transport Canada, which is the aviation authority for Canada, has issued Transport Canada AD CF-2022-43, dated August 9, 2022 (Transport Canada AD CF-2022-43) (also referred to after this as the MCAI), to correct an unsafe condition for all MHI RJ Aviation ULC Model CL-600-2C10 (Regional Jet Series 700, 701 & 702), CL-600-2C11 (Regional Jet Series 550), CL-600-2D15 (Regional Jet Series 705), CL-600-2D24 (Regional Jet Series 900), and CL-600-2E25 (Regional Jet Series 1000)

<sup>1</sup> Candidate Salaries, 87 FR 75945 (Dec. 12, 2022).

airplanes. The MCAI states that new airworthiness limitations have been developed.

The FAA is proposing this AD to address an unannounced loss or low quantity of fire extinguishing agent in the engine and auxiliary power unit (APU) fire extinguishing bottles. This condition, if not corrected, could result in the inability to extinguish and suppress an engine or APU fire.

You may examine the MCAI in the AD docket at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA–2023–0422.

#### Related Service Information Under 14 CFR Part 51

The FAA reviewed Task 26–20–00–101, “Visual Check of the Engine Fire Extinguishing bottle pressure gauge” and Task 26–20–00–102, “Visual Check of the APU Fire Extinguishing bottle pressure gauge,” of Section 1, “Certification Maintenance Requirements,” Subject 1–26, “Fire Protection,” of the MHI RJ Model CL–600–2C10, CL–600–2D15, CL–600–2D24, and CL–600–2E25 Series 550/700/705/900/1000 Airworthiness Limitations, Maintenance Requirements Manual—Part 2, Volume 1, CSP B–053, Revision 26, dated March 25, 2022. This service information specifies new airworthiness limitations for certification maintenance requirements.

This service information is reasonably available because the interested parties have access to it through their normal course of business or by the means identified in **ADDRESSES**.

#### FAA’s Determination

This product has been approved by the aviation authority of another country, and is approved for operation in the United States. Pursuant to the FAA’s bilateral agreement with the State of Design Authority, the FAA has been notified of the unsafe condition described in the MCAI and service information referenced above. The FAA is proposing this AD because the FAA evaluated all the relevant information and determined the unsafe condition described previously is likely to exist or develop on other products of the same type design.

#### Proposed Requirements of This NPRM

This proposed AD would require revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new airworthiness limitations.

This proposed AD would require revisions to certain operator maintenance documents to include new actions (e.g., inspections). Compliance with these actions is required by 14 CFR

91.403(c). For airplanes that have been previously modified, altered, or repaired in the areas addressed by this proposed AD, the operator may not be able to accomplish the actions described in the revisions. In this situation, to comply with 14 CFR 91.403(c), the operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance according to paragraph (i)(1) of this proposed AD.

#### Costs of Compliance

The FAA estimates that this AD, if adopted as proposed, would affect 606 airplanes of U.S. registry. The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this proposed AD:

The FAA has determined that revising the maintenance or inspection program takes an average of 90 work-hours per operator, although the agency recognizes that this number may vary from operator to operator. Since operators incorporate maintenance or inspection program changes for their affected fleet(s), the FAA has determined that a per-operator estimate is more accurate than a per-airplane estimate. Therefore, the agency estimates the average total cost per operator to be \$7,650 (90 work-hours × \$85 per work-hour).

#### Authority for This Rulemaking

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies the FAA’s authority to issue rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I, section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII: Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the Agency’s authority.

The FAA is issuing this rulemaking under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart III, Section 44701: General requirements. Under that section, Congress charges the FAA with promoting safe flight of civil aircraft in air commerce by prescribing regulations for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

#### Regulatory Findings

The FAA determined that this proposed AD would not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This proposed AD would not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify this proposed regulation:

- (1) Is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866,
- (2) Would not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska, and
- (3) Would not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

#### List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

#### The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA proposes to amend 14 CFR part 39 as follows:

#### PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

- 1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

#### § 39.13 [Amended]

- 2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

**MHI RJ Aviation ULC (Type Certificate Previously Held by Bombardier, Inc.):**  
Docket No. FAA–2023–0422; Project Identifier MCAI–2022–01067–T.

#### (a) Comments Due Date

The FAA must receive comments on this airworthiness directive (AD) by April 17, 2023.

#### (b) Affected ADs

None.

#### (c) Applicability

This AD applies to all MHI RJ Aviation ULC (Type Certificate previously held by Bombardier, Inc.) Model CL–600–2C10 (Regional Jet Series 700, 701 & 702), CL–600–2C11 (Regional Jet Series 550), CL–600–2D15 (Regional Jet Series 705), CL–600–2D24 (Regional Jet Series 900) and CL–600–2E25 (Regional Jet Series 1000) airplanes, certificated in any category.

#### (d) Subject

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 26, Fire Protection.

#### (e) Reason

This AD was prompted by a determination that new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations are necessary. The FAA is issuing this AD to address an unannounced loss or low quantity of fire extinguishing agent in the engine and auxiliary power unit (APU) fire extinguishing bottles. The unsafe condition, if not corrected, may lead to the inability to extinguish and suppress an engine or APU fire.

**(f) Compliance**

Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.

**(g) Maintenance or Inspection Program Revision**

Within 60 days after the effective date of this AD, revise the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate the information specified in Task 26–20–00–101, “Visual Check of the Engine Fire Extinguishing bottle pressure gauge” and Task 26–20–00–102, “Visual Check of the APU Fire Extinguishing bottle pressure gauge,” of Section 1, “Certification Maintenance Requirements,” Subject 1–26, “Fire Protection,” of the MHI RJ Model CL–600–2C10, CL–600–2D15, CL–600–2D24, and CL–600–2E25 Series 550/700/705/900/1000 Airworthiness Limitations, Maintenance Requirements Manual—Part 2, Volume 1, CSP B–053, Revision 26, dated March 25, 2022 (Task 26–20–00–101 and Task 26–20–00–102 of the MRM—Part 2, Revision 26). The initial compliance time for doing the tasks is at the phase-in time specified in Task 26–20–00–101 and Task 26–20–00–102 of the MRM—Part 2, Revision 26, or within 60 days after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later.

**(h) No Alternative Actions or Intervals**

After the existing maintenance or inspection program has been revised as required by paragraph (g) of this AD, no alternative actions (e.g., inspections) or intervals may be used unless the actions or intervals, are approved as an alternative method of compliance (AMOC) in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (i)(1) of this AD.

**(i) Other FAA AD Provisions**

The following provisions also apply to this AD:

(1) *Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)*: The Manager, New York ACO Branch, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or responsible Flight Standards Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the certification office, send it to ATTN: Program Manager, Continuing Operational Safety, FAA, New York ACO Branch, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; telephone 516–228–7300. Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the responsible Flight Standards Office.

(2) *Contacting the Manufacturer*: For any requirement in this AD to obtain instructions from a manufacturer, the instructions must be accomplished using a method approved by the Manager, New York ACO Branch, FAA; or Transport Canada; or Bombardier, Inc.’s Transport Canada Design Approval Organization (DAO). If approved by the DAO, the approval must include the DAO-authorized signature.

**(j) Additional Information**

(1) Refer to Transport Canada AD CF–2022–43, dated August 9, 2022, for related information. This Transport Canada AD may be found in the AD docket at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA–2023–0422.

(2) For more information about this AD, contact Jiwan Karunatilake, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe and Propulsion Section, FAA, New York ACO Branch, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; telephone 516–228–7300; email [9-avs-nyacos@faa.gov](mailto:9-avs-nyacos@faa.gov).

**(k) Material Incorporated by Reference**

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference (IBR) of the service information listed in this paragraph under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(2) You must use this service information as applicable to do the actions required by this AD, unless this AD specifies otherwise.

(i) Task 26–20–00–101, “Visual Check of the Engine Fire Extinguishing bottle pressure gauge” and Task 26–20–00–102, “Visual Check of the APU Fire Extinguishing bottle pressure gauge,” of Section 1, “Certification Maintenance Requirements,” Subject 1–26, “Fire Protection,” of the MHI RJ Model CL–600–2C10, CL–600–2D15, CL–600–2D24, and CL–600–2E25 Series 550/700/705/900/1000 Airworthiness Limitations, Maintenance Requirements Manual—Part 2, Volume 1, CSP B–053, Revision 26, dated March 25, 2022.

(ii) [Reserved]

(3) For service information identified in this AD, contact MHI RJ Aviation Group, Customer Response Center, 3655 Ave. des Grandes-Tourelles, Suite 110, Boisbriand, Québec J7H 0E2 Canada; North America toll-free telephone 833–990–7272 or direct-dial telephone 450–990–7272; fax 514–855–8501; email [thd.crj@mhjr.com](mailto:thd.crj@mhjr.com); website [mhjr.com](https://www.mhjr.com).

(4) You may view this service information at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206–231–3195.

(5) You may view this service information that is incorporated by reference at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, email [fr.inspection@nara.gov](mailto:fr.inspection@nara.gov), or go to: [www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html](https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html).

Issued on February 25, 2023.

**Christina Underwood,**

*Acting Director, Compliance & Airworthiness Division, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Office of the Secretary****14 CFR Parts 259, 260, and 399**

[Docket No. DOT–OST–2022–0089]

RIN 2105–AF04

**Airline Ticket Refunds and Consumer Protections; Public Hearing**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary (OST), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** DOT is announcing a virtual public hearing pursuant on certain issues related to the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Airline Ticket Refunds and Consumer Protections.

**DATES:** The virtual hearing will be held on March 14, 2023, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time. The hearing is open to the public, subject to any technical and/or capacity limitations. Requests to attend the hearing must be submitted to [https://usdot.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_u2RfGmWTSICqQVUyz9TAXA](https://usdot.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_u2RfGmWTSICqQVUyz9TAXA). We encourage interested parties to register by Thursday, March 9, 2023. Communication Access Real-time Translation (CART) and sign language interpretation will be provided during the hearing. Requests for additional accommodations because of a disability must be received at [Cristina.Draguta@dot.gov](mailto:Cristina.Draguta@dot.gov) by Thursday, March 9, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** The virtual hearing will be open to the public and held via the Zoom Webinar Platform. Virtual attendance information will be provided upon registration. An agenda will be available on the Department’s Office of Aviation Consumer Protection website at <https://www.transportation.gov/airconsumer/latest-news> in advance of the hearing.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To register and attend this virtual hearing, please use the link: [https://usdot.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_u2RfGmWTSICqQVUyz9TAXA](https://usdot.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_u2RfGmWTSICqQVUyz9TAXA). Attendance is open to the public subject to any technical and/or capacity limitations. For further information, please contact Cristina Draguta, Attorney-Advisor, by email at [Cristina.Draguta@dot.gov](mailto:Cristina.Draguta@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Background**

On August 22, 2022, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT or Department) published in the **Federal Register** a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) that proposes to